

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Forcing all of their stations to air Stolen Honor so close to our national presidential elections is clearly a political statement. At the very least this kind of programming requires equal air time for the Kerry campaign and, even so, is a poor example of American politics for the rest of the world.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.